മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഐ. വേലായുധൻ: ഈ രണ്ടെണ്ണംമുള്ളതൊ, അവർണ്ണരൊ, അഹിന്ദുക്കളൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ഒരു മുസ്ലീമും ഒരീഴവനുമാണ്.

APPY-THODE—KUNNAMKULAM

640. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the drainage canal called "Appy-thode" running through Kunnamkulam is silted up to such an extent as to hinder the free flow of filthy matter and water;

(*b*) whether the width of this canal has been narrowed down by encroachment?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes; but the encroachments are being removed.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* When was this encroachment first observed?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have no information.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know to what extent this encroachment is removed?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Details are not available.

DISCHARGED LABOURERS

641. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any tangible measure to give work to the labourers in the State who have already been discharged and who will be discharged shortly from the War activities;

(*b*) if so, what measure has been taken;

(*c*) whether the Government have any idea in view to protect the helpless and homeless beggars in the streets of the rural areas;

(*d*) if so, what is the measure?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are taking up an extensive scheme of public works. The Anamalai road works are now in progress; the following works have also been started.

(1) Godown work in Mattancheri.

(2) Groyne work at Chellanam and Andikadavu.

The following works are ready to be started.

(1). The concreting of roads in Trichur Town for 11½ miles—6½ lakhs.

(2) 70 ft. road work in Ernakulam 5 lakhs.

The estimates for the following works have been completed and the works will be started soon.

(1) Chalakkudi Irrigation Project and

(2) Naduthodu scheme.

The estimates are under preparation for the following works.

(1) Peechi Irrigation Scheme.

(2) Hydro-Electric Works.

(3) Road Board Works.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Cochin Vagrancy Act, XXI of 1120 makes provision to give relief to beggars in rural areas also. Relief Centres have been opened for the Municipal Towns of Ernakulam, Trichur and Mattancheri and they will be extended to rural areas also in due course.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* May I know, Sir, whether Government realise that this scheme of Public Works will be sufficient for providing work for all the labourers to be discharged?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Seretary to Government):* Government are satisfied that this will provide work for a very good number of labourers.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know the number of labourers the scheme will be able to absorb.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

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